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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

1 - Mr. Belmont
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DATE: June 8, 1964
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By letter dated May 20, 1964, the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy requested the FBI to provide the Commission with certain specific data concerning the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), the 30th of November Movement, the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE), Directorio Revolucionaria Estudiantil (DRE), Second National Front of Escambray (Alpha 66), the John Birch Society and the Minutemen. The Commission also requested all reports from our Dallas Office for the year 1963 which pertain to persons believed active in the Communist Party (CP) or Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

Data requested by the Commission relating to the FPCC, the 30th of November Movement, JURE, DRE and Alpha 66 is being made available separately to the Commission and the Commission is being advised that we did not investigate the John Birch Society and the Minutemen in Texas in 1963. (We did initiate an investigation concerning the Minutemen in 1964. Prior to 1963 we had conducted a limited inquiry concerning the John Birch Society.)

A review of the reports requested by the Commission regarding communist activity in the Dallas area during 1963 reveals that the Dallas Office submitted 13 reports concerning 9 individuals relating to the request of the Commission, some of whom were not identified as members of the CP during 1963 but had prior membership. The reports also contain the names of some individuals not the subjects of current investigation as well as the names of some of our confidential sources in the Dallas area. There was no SWP activity in the Dallas area during 1963.

OBSERVATIONS:

In regard to the request of the Commission regarding communist and SWP activities in the Dallas area in 1963, it appears that the request of the Commission in this respect is not pertinent to what the Commission is looking into. We have

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previously indicated our reluctance to scatter our reports of this nature and it is not believed we should blindly comply with the Commission's request since there is no indication that Oswald was connected with anyone in the Dallas area associated with the CP or the SWP. The reports also contain the names of some individuals not the subjects of current investigations as well as the names of some of our confidential sources in the Dallas area which could result in the exposure of our confidential sources. As pointed out above, there was no SWP activity in Dallas in 1963.

It is felt that this matter should be discussed with Mr. Rankin and if after such discussion he still desires copies of the reports, we will furnish them to the Commission.

ACTION:

This matter be discussed with Mr. Rankin along the lines of the above observations.